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Subject: Changes to CY '85 Course Review-Schedule

1. The approved course review-schedule for CY 85 indicates that two ISTD courses, Job Control Language (JCL) and Fundamentals of Programming Language I (PL1), would be reviewed in the 3d quarter. As discussed at the 25 July '85 Curriculum Committee meeting, I recommend that both courses be dropped from the review process. There has always been some question whether we should teach them or whether they should be more appropriately taught by the OIT training staff. The users are non-ADP professionals which argues that we should do it; the material is at the computer programmer level which argues that OIT should do it. We have worked out a compromise with OIT whereby we register the students and provide the classroom and they provide the instructor for both courses. I think it is a reasonable solution which is placing a relatively small resource burden on us but still meet the legitimate demand. If the time comes that OIT can no longer provide instructor support, we will either drop the courses completely or come back to the Curriculum Committee with a recommendation that the courses be placed back on the schedule for formal review. We are also looking into commercial CBT possibilities for both courses.

2. An additional change to the review schedule discussed at the 25 July meeting is to move the review of the Introduction to ADP course from the 4th to the 3d quarter. We plan to offer the course in FY 86 in a self-study mode only--no classroom runnings. We will put it on the Agenda for the September meeting of the Curriculum Committee to go over the specifics.

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